



**2023-2024
Idaho Battle of
the Books
Middle School/
Junior High
Titles**





Air **by Monica Roe**

12 1/2 year-old Emmie lives with her widowed father in South Carolina, dreams of wheelchair motocross, and makes custom chair bags trying to earn enough money to buy a serious set of wheels; she has been in a wheelchair all her life, and is just fine getting around without help, but people have started treating her differently. So Emmie and her best friends come up with a plan to change their minds.

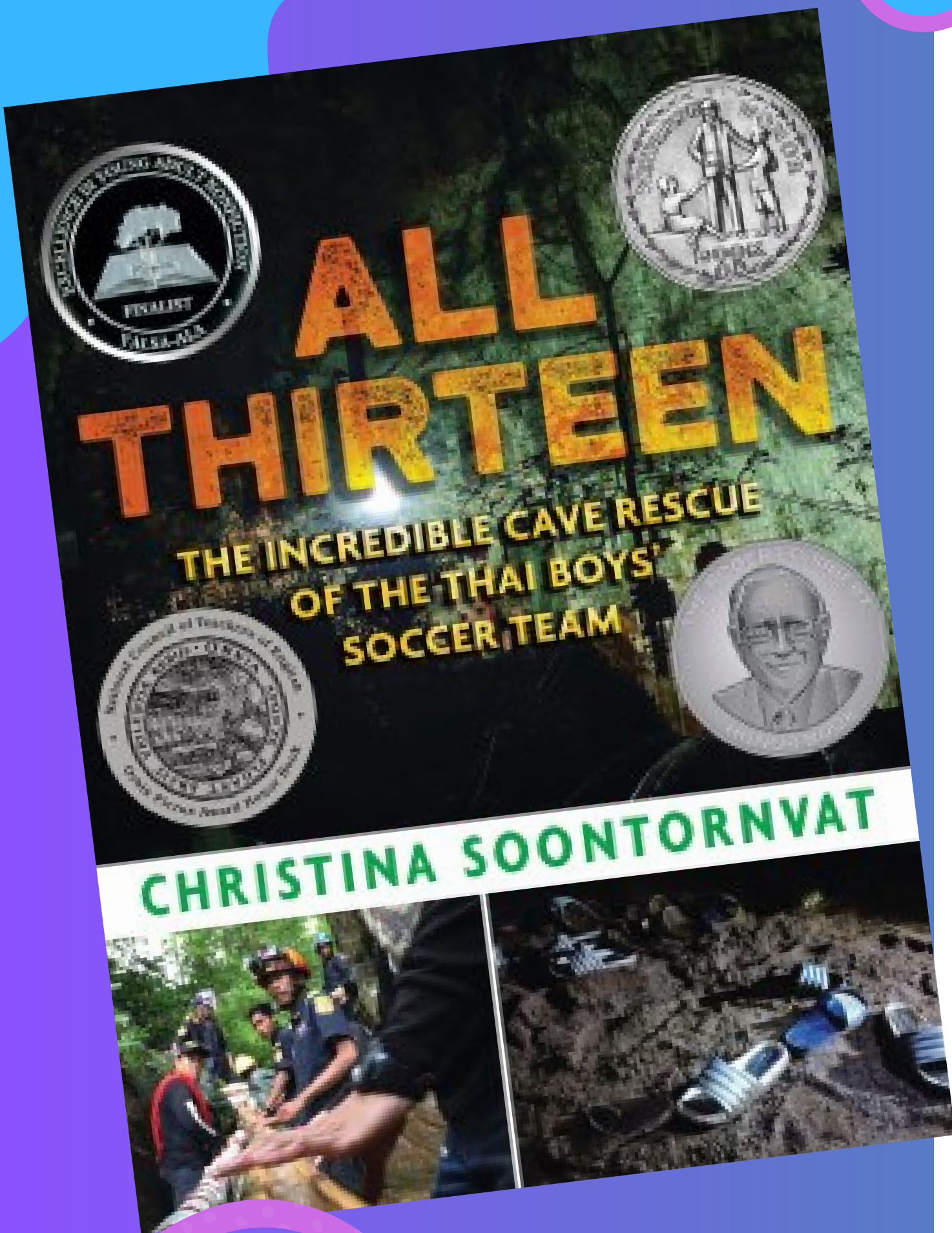




Alex Rider: Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz

They said his Uncle Ian died in a car accident. But 14 year-old Alex Rider knows that's a lie, and the bullet holes in the windshield prove it. Yet he never suspected the truth: his uncle was really a spy for Britain's top secret intelligence agency, MI6. And now Alex has been recruited to find his uncle's killers.





All Thirteen: the Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team

by Christina Soontornvat

On June 23, 2018, twelve young players of the Wild Boars soccer team and their coach enter a cave in northern Thailand seeking an afternoon's adventure. But when they turn to leave, rising floodwaters block their path out. As the world sits vigil, people begin to wonder: how long can a group of ordinary kids survive in complete darkness, with no food or clean water?





Amari and the Night Brothers by B.B. Alston

Amari Peters has never stopped believing her missing brother, Quinton, is alive. So when she finds a ticking briefcase in his closet, containing a nomination for a summer tryout at the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs, she's certain the secretive organization holds the key to locating Quinton--if only she can wrap her head around the idea of magicians, fairies, aliens, and other supernatural creatures all being real.





Arlo Finch in the Valley of Fire by John August

Arlo Finch is a newcomer to Pine Mountain, Colorado, a tiny town of mystery and magic. At first he thinks these increasingly strange and frightening occurrences are just part of being in Rangers, the mountain scouting troop where he learns how to harness the wild magic seeping in from the mysterious Long Woods, but soon he finds himself in the middle of a dangerous adventure.





The Beast Player by Nahoko Uehashi

Elin's family care for the fearsome serpents that form the core of their kingdom's army. When some of the beasts mysteriously die, Erin's mother is sentenced to death. Elin is sent to safety and soon discovers that she can talk to terrifying water serpents and the flying beasts that guard her queen. This skill gives her great powers but endanger her life. Can she save herself and prevent her beloved beasts from being used as tools of war?

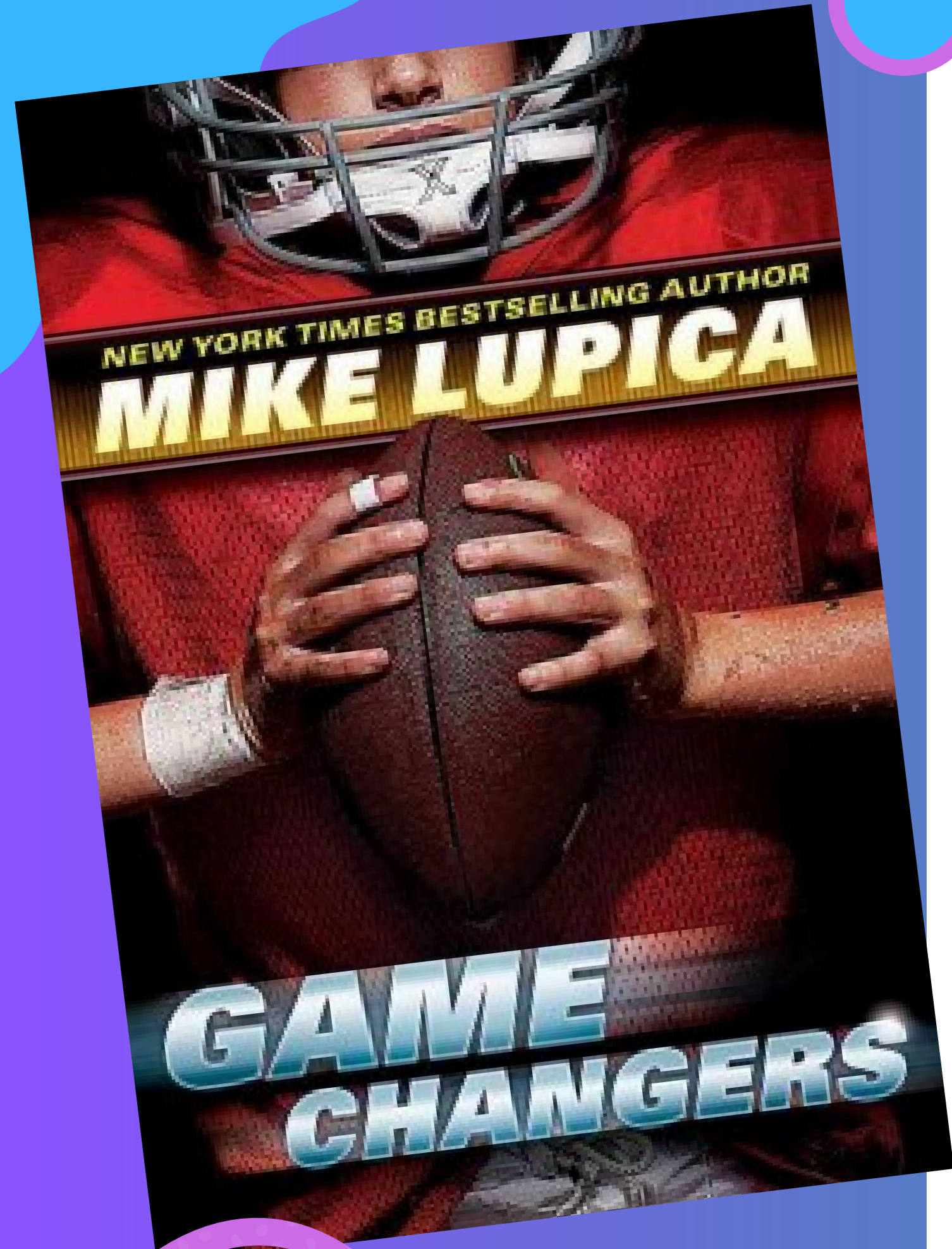




City of Ghosts **by Victoria Schwab**

Ever since Cass almost drowned, she can pull back the Veil that separates the living from the dead and enter the world of spirits. Her best friend is even a ghost. So things are already pretty strange. But they're about to get much stranger. And when Cass meets a girl who shares her "gift," she realizes how much she still has to learn about the Veil and herself. She'll have to learn fast. The city of ghosts is more dangerous than she ever imagined.

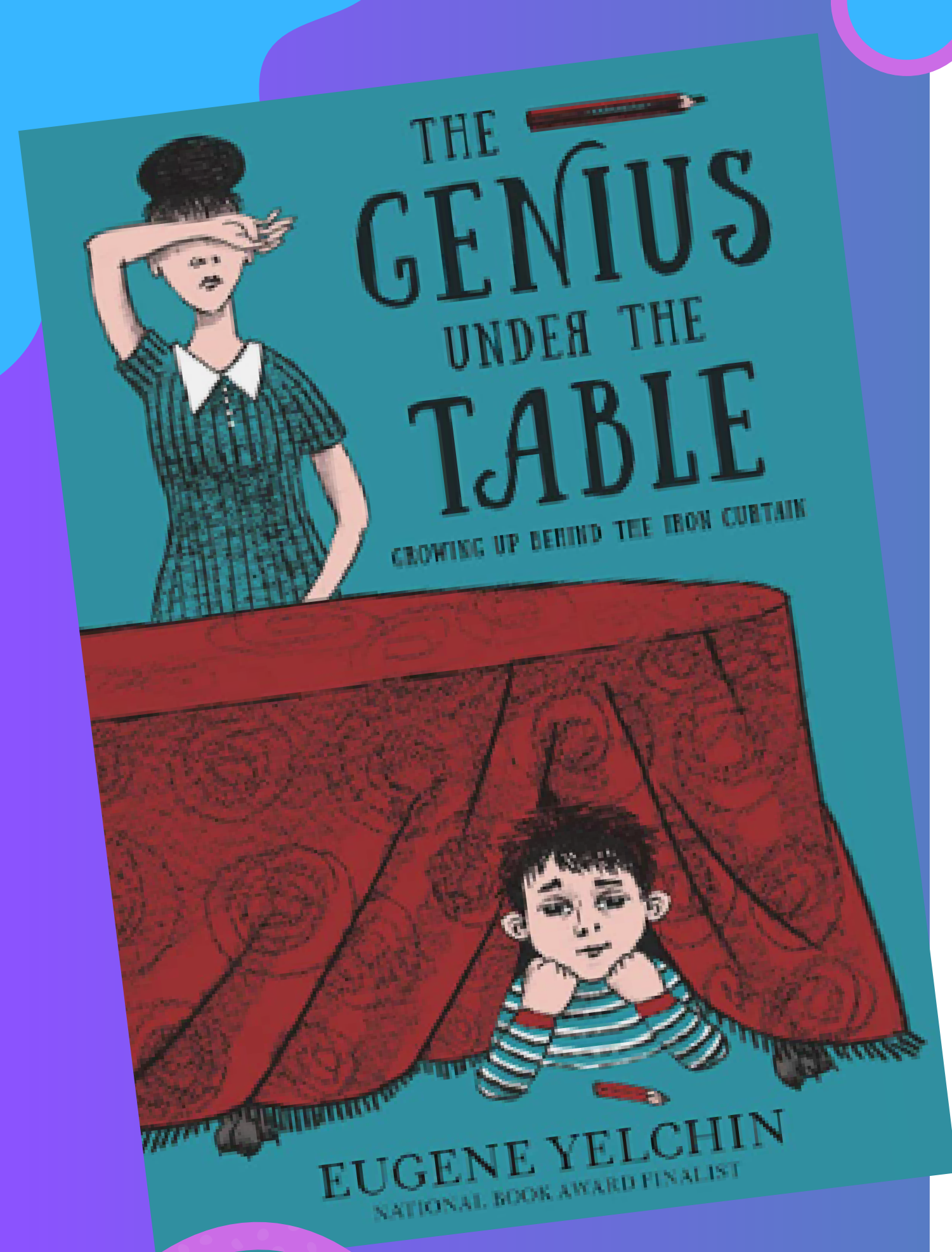




Game Changers by Mike Lupica

Ben McBain is every football team's dream player. But Ben wants to be the starting quarterback and the one thing standing in his way is the coach's son, Shawn O'Brien. Shawn has been trained by his father, a former professional quarterback. But despite his size and arm strength, Shawn is struggling. Ben is torn between being a good teammate and going after his own dream.



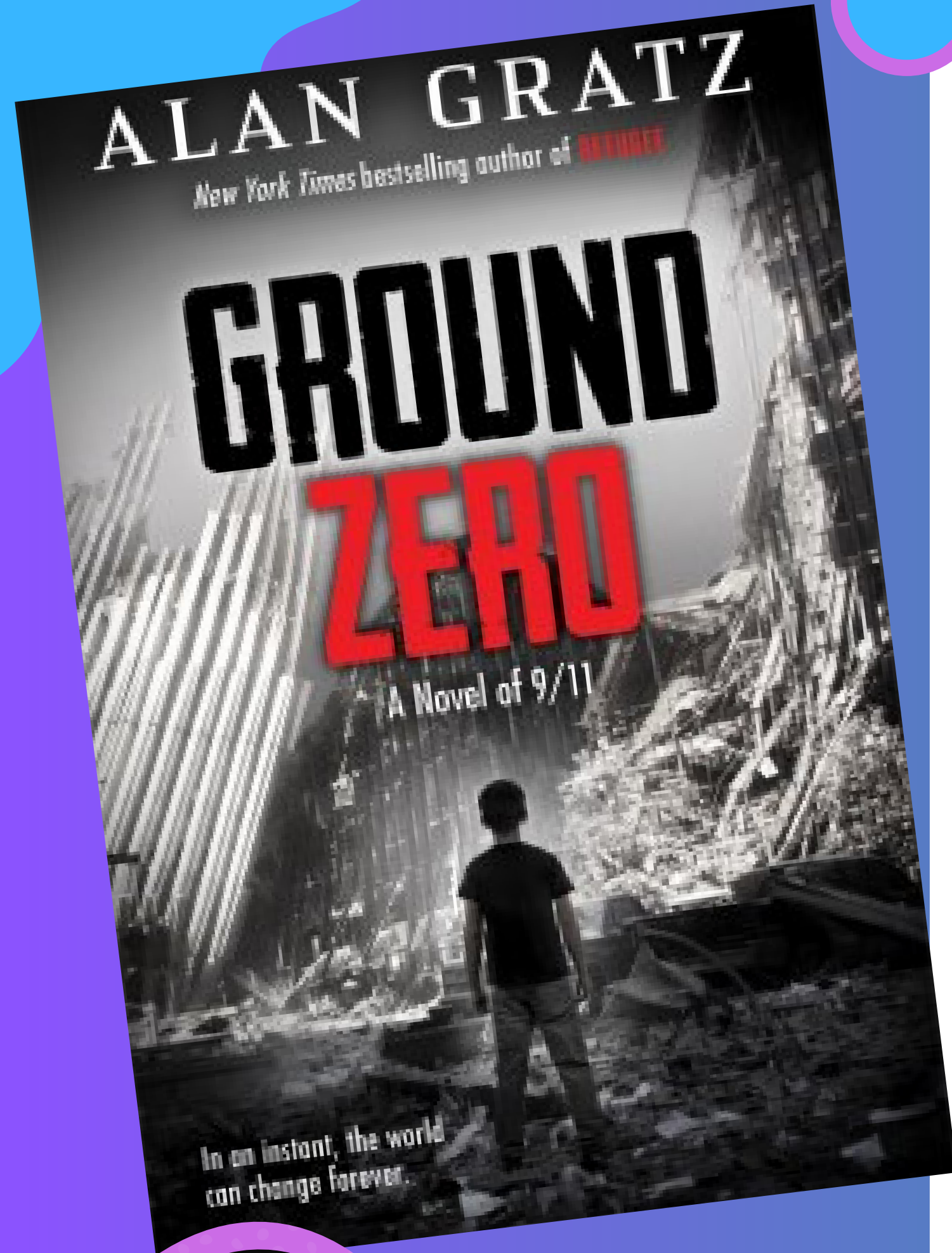


The Genius Under the Table: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain

by Eugene Yelchin

Yelchin describes his 1960s Leningrad childhood in the former Soviet Union, where his entire family crowds into a one-room apartment right next to the resident KGB informer. Mom is hopelessly in love with Misha Baryshnikov. Dad weeps over his favorite Russian poets. Big brother Victor is a champion figure skater. And little Yevgeny? His talents seem . . . elusive.





Ground Zero by Alan Gratz

Brandon is visiting his dad on the 107th floor of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 when the attack comes; Reshmina is a girl in Afghanistan who has grown up in the aftermath of that attack but dreams of peace, becoming a teacher and escaping her village and the narrow role that the Taliban believes is appropriate for women--both are struggling to survive, both changed forever by the events of 9/11.





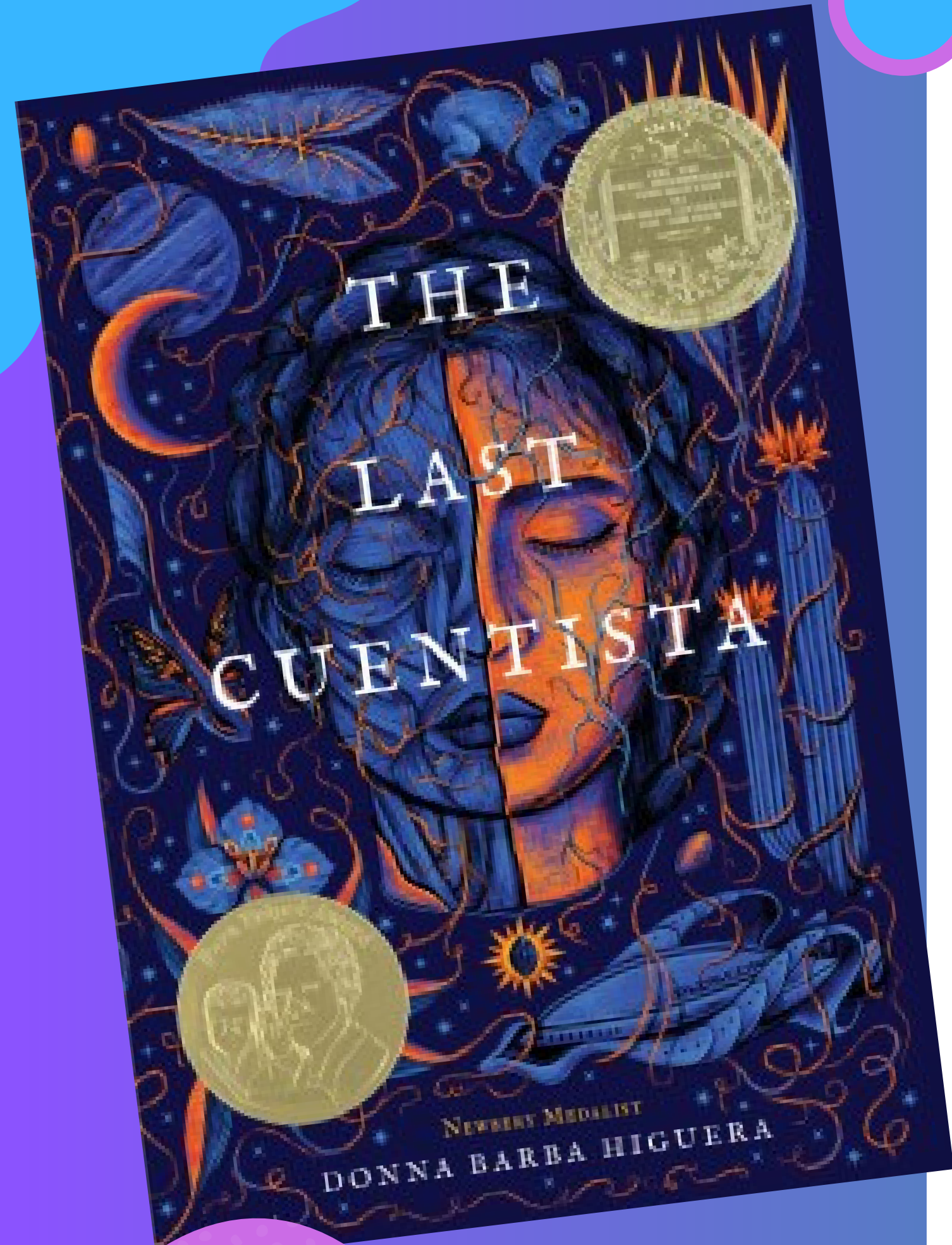
HOUSE ARREST

K.A. HOLT

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Timothy is a good kid who did a bad thing. Now he's under house arrest for a whole year. He has to check in weekly with a probation officer and a therapist, keep a journal, and stay out of trouble. But when he must take drastic measures to help his sick little brother and struggling family, staying out of trouble proves more difficult than Timothy ever thought it would be.





The Last Cuentista **by Donna Barba Higuera**

Petra Peäna wants nothing more than to be a storyteller, like her abuelita. But Petra's world is ending. Earth has been destroyed by a comet, and only a few hundred scientists and their children--among them Petra and her family--have been chosen to journey to a new planet. A sinister Collective has taken over the ship and have systematically purged the memories of all aboard. Petra alone now carries the stories, can she make them live again?



MISS QUINCES



KAT FAJARDO

Miss Quinces by Kat Fajardo

Sue just wants to spend the summer reading and making comics at sleepaway camp with her friends, but instead she gets stuck going to Honduras to visit relatives. They live way out in the country, which means no texting, no cable, and no Internet! The trip takes a turn for the worse when Sue's mother announces that they'll be having a surprise quinceañera for Sue, which is the last thing she wants. She can't imagine wearing a big, floofy, colorful dress! What is Sue going to do?





One Came Home

by Amy Timberlake

In the town of Placid, Wisconsin, in 1871, Georgie Burkhardt is known for two things: her uncanny aim with a rifle and her habit of speaking her mind plainly. But when Georgie blurts out something she shouldn't, her older sister Agatha flees. And when the sheriff returns to town with an unidentifiable body—wearing Agatha's blue-green ball gown—everyone assumes the worst. Except Georgie. Georgie sets out on a journey to find her sister. Georgie is not prepared for what she faces on the western frontier.

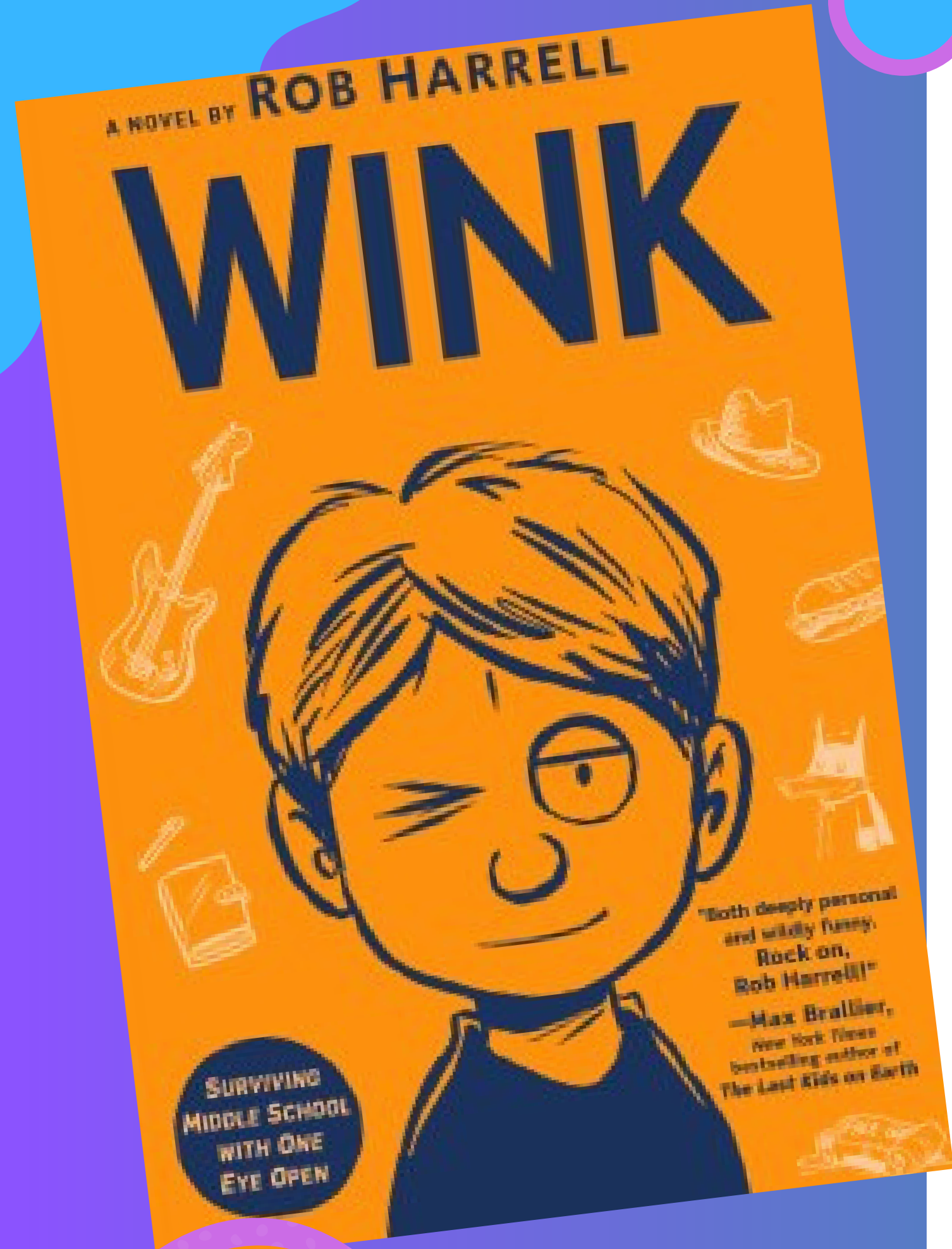




Skyward **by Brandon Sanderson**

Eager to prove herself, the daughter of a flier disgraced for cowardice hurls herself into fighter pilot training to join a losing war against aliens. Spensa "Spin" Nightshade leaves her previous occupation for a coveted spot in the Defiant Defense Force's flight school. Opportunities to exercise wild recklessness and growing skill begin at once, as the class is soon in the air, battling the mysterious Krell raiders who have driven people underground.





Wink **by Rob Harrell**

Seventh grader Ross Maloy wants nothing more than to be an average middle schooler, hanging out with his best friends, Abby and Isaac, avoiding the school bully, and crushing on the popular girl. There's just one thing keeping Ross from being completely ordinary: the rare form of eye cancer that's reduced him to the kid with cancer at school. Ross discovers how music, art, and true friends can help him survive both treatment and middle school.





**Happy
Reading
and we'll see
you next
year!**

